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Department of Energy Washington, D.C. 20585

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Honorable William J. Casey Director of Central Intelligence Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

The Department of Energy (DOE) has discerned a need for a large-scale nuclear terrorism exercise and has scheduled such an event in the early part of fiscal year 1987. It is named Mighty Derringer. Since we perceive the possibility that a nuclear terrorism incident will have international origins, we request the participation of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). In this exercise, we expect to simulate foreign locations.

The intent is to stage a broad-scoped exercise concerning international nuclear terrorism that emphasizes the command, control, communications, and intelligence functions required in all phases of the operation. Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) personnel will be playing the onsite leadership role for the domestic problem, which they would perform in a real situation. The Department of State (DOS) will provide leadership and guidance for the foreign problem. Our response teams need the experience of working side by side in such a cooperative operation, and we believe the benefits would be mutual.

Details regarding the scenario, terrorists, nuclear device, and exercise location have not yet been formulated, but our action officers met informally on July 25, 1985, to define some objectives and a preliminary scenario. We believe that these and related matters should be determined jointly by the FBI, Department of Defense (DOD), DOS, CIA, DOE, and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Although the location of the exercise has not been selected, we envision that the major incident site will be in an urban environment and the exercise will last no longer than seven days.

The Interagency Group on Terrorism has under consideration a request to brief the National Security Council about the exercise and solicit their support in assuring participation by senior-level Administration officials, including the designation of an exercise director. You will be informed when this action has been completed.

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We expect each agency to fund its own cost of participation. I do hope you will participate with us in this exercise.

Sincerely,

William W. Hoover
Assistant Secretary
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